

## **VIRGINIA BOARD OF PHARMACY**

### **Pharmacist Prenatal Vitamin Statewide Protocol**

Consistent with the prenatal vitamin manufacturer's instructions for use approved by the US Food and Drug Administration, a pharmacist may issue a prescription to initiate treatment with, dispense, or administer the following drugs to persons 18 years of age or older:

- Prenatal vitamins for which a prescription is required.

#### **PHARMACIST EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

Prior to issuing a prescription to initiate treatment with, dispensing, or administering prenatal vitamins under this protocol, the pharmacist shall be knowledgeable of the manufacturer's instructions for use and evidence-based guidelines.

#### **PATIENT INCLUSION CRITERIA**

Patients eligible for prenatal vitamins under this protocol:

- An individual, 18 years of age or older, who is considering pregnancy, attempting to become pregnant, or pregnant.

#### **RECORDKEEPING**

The pharmacist shall maintain records in accordance with Regulation 18VAC110-21-46.

#### **NOTIFICATION OF PRIMARY CARE PROVIDER**

In accordance with 54.1-3303.1 of the Code of Virginia, the pharmacist shall notify the patient's primary care provider and obstetrician/gynecologist (OB/GYN). If the patient does not have a primary care provider, the pharmacist shall counsel the patient regarding the benefits of establishing a relationship with a primary health care provider and, upon request, provide information regarding primary health care providers, including federally qualified health centers, free clinics, or local health departments serving the area in which the patient is located.